

CHAPTER NO. 197

SENATE BILL NO. 1416

By Rochelle

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1036

By Hargrove

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 2-2-107; 2-2-127; 2-3-201(a); 2-4-102; 2-4-103; 2-4-109; 2-4-110; 2-5-204(c); 2-6-601; 2-8-107(b); 2-12-108; and 2-12-201(a)(1).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-107, is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection at the end of the section:

(c) In order to correct voter registration records timely, municipalities who have annexed territory or changed any district or ward boundary shall provide each county election commission affected by said change with the following: maps depicting said area; a copy of the ordinance or resolution calling for said change denoting, if applicable, which wards or districts the annexed or changed area will be a part of; and a copy of the census taken for the annexation, if available, with names and addresses within the annexed area.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-201(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Polling places shall be open for voting for a minimum of ten (10) continuous hours but no more than thirteen (13) hours. All polling places in counties in the eastern time zone shall close at eight o'clock p.m. (8:00 p.m.) prevailing time and polling places in counties in the central time zone shall close at seven o'clock p.m. (7:00 p.m.) prevailing time.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-102(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "thirty (30)" and by substituting instead the language "forty-five (45)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-109, is further amended by deleting the words, numbers and punctuation "no later than twenty (20) days" and substituting instead the language "as soon as possible".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-110, is amended by deleting the language "within (20) days of an election".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-204(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) If no less than four (4) members of the county election commission vote in the affirmative that a candidate's name on the ballot would be confusing or misleading, the county election commission may require further identifying information or may omit any confusing or misleading portion of the name. In an election where the candidate's name will appear on the ballot in more than one (1) county this authority shall rest with the state election commission.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-601, is amended by adding the following sentence to the end of the section:

The county election commission may begin the voting at the licensed nursing homes twenty-two (22) days before an election.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-8-107(b), is hereby amended by deleting the word, numbers and punctuation "thirty (30)" and substituting instead the word, numbers and punctuation "forty-five (45)".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-108(a)(1), is amended by deleting the words, numbers and punctuation "as compensation a minimum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each day spent in the performance of such duties.", and by adding the following at the end of the subdivision:

The following minimum amount as compensation for each day spent in the performance of such duties:

- (A) In counties of the first class, seventy dollars (\$70.00); and
- (B) In counties of the second class, sixty-five dollars (\$65.00); and
- (C) In counties of the third class, sixty dollars (\$60.00); and
- (D) In counties of the fourth class, fifty-five dollars (\$55.00); and
- (E) In counties of the fifth class, fifty dollars (\$50.00); and
- (F) In counties of the sixth class, forty-five dollars (\$45.00); and
- (G) In counties of the seventh class, forty dollars (\$40.00).

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-108(a)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subitem in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(B) In counties having a population of eight hundred thousand (800,000) or more according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, the chair of the county election commission shall receive one thousand one hundred-fifty dollars (\$1,150.00) per month and each other member of the commission shall receive one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-108(b), is amended by deleting the words, numbers and punctuation "of thirty dollars (\$30.00)".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-108, is further amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c)(1) The amount provided in this section, or a greater amount provided by resolution duly adopted by the county legislative body, shall be paid to the members for each day's attendance at meetings of the body, or a greater amount provided by resolution duly adopted by the county legislative body as a stated salary per month.

(2) For the purposes of classifying the counties under this section, the population classifications established in § 8-24-101 shall be applicable.

(3) The population of counties for purposes of this section shall be determined by the 1990 federal census or the most recent succeeding federal census or a special census as provided in § 8-24-102(d).

(4) The above minimum compensation amounts shall in no way diminish a compensation already being paid that may be greater than the stated amount.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-201(a)(1), is amended by adding the following language after the word "board":

, nor may they hire after July 1, 1999, their spouse, parents, siblings or children as full- or part-time clerical assistants, deputies, or as members of the absentee counting board;

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 10, 1999


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of May 1999


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